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INTRODUCTION.

During the summer of 1913 the Secretary of Agriculture established a board to reorganize the system of publications of the Department of Agriculture. In accordance with the proceedings of the board and the suggestions from representatives of the Weather Bureau, the "Bulletin of the Mount Weather Observatory" ceased to be published with the completion of its volume 6. Any subsequent contributions from the members of the research staff that would have been proper for that Bulletin will be incorporated in the Monthly Weather Review. The climatological service of the Weather Bureau will be maintained in all its essential features, but its publications, so far as they relate to purely local conditions, will be incorporated in the monthly reports for the respective States, Territories, and colonies.

Beginning with January, 1914, the material for the Monthly Weather Review will be prepared and classified in accordance with the following sections:

SECTION 1.—*Aerology.*—Data and discussions relative to the free atmosphere.

SECTION 2.—*General meteorology.*—Special contributions by any competent student bearing on any branch of meteorology and climatology, theoretical or otherwise.

SECTION 3.—*Forecasts and general conditions of the atmosphere.*

SECTION 4.—*Rivers and floods.*

SECTION 5.—*Bibliography.*—Recent additions to the Weather Bureau library; recent papers bearing on meteorology.

SECTION 6.—*Weather of the month.*—Summary of local weather conditions; climatological data from regular Weather Bureau stations; tables of accumulated and excessive precipitation; data furnished by the Canadian Meteorological Service; monthly charts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, the same as hitherto.

In general, appropriate officials will prepare the six sections above enumerated; but all students of atmospheres are cordially invited to contribute such additional articles as seem to be of value.

The voluminous tables of data and text relative to local climatological conditions that during recent years have been prepared by the 12 respective "district editors," will be omitted from the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW but will in future be collected and published by States at selected section centers.

The data needed in Section 6 can only be collected and prepared several weeks after the close of the month whose name appears on the title-page; hence the Review as a whole can only issue from the press within about eight weeks from the end of that month.

It is hoped that the meteorological data hitherto contributed by numerous independent services will continue as in the past. Our thanks are especially due to the directors and superintendents of the following:

The Meteorological Service of the Dominion of Canada.

The Central Meteorological and Magnetic Observatory of Mexico.

The Director General of Mexican Telegraphs.

The Meteorological Service of Cuba.

The Meteorological Observatory of Belen College, Habana.

The Government Meteorological Office of Jamaica.

The Meteorological Service of the Azores.

The Meteorological Office, London.

The Danish Meteorological Institute.

The Physical Central Observatory, Petrograd.

The Philippine Weather Bureau.

The General Superintendent United States Life-Saving Service.